(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee alongwith the State Government's comments thereon; and

(c) what are Government's reaction with decisions thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have submitted and recently endorsed the recommendations of the State Autonomy Committee, which had been constituted by the State Government. The Report basically speaks of going back to pre-1953 status. The matter is under examination.

Social work for petty offenders

2155. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce reform measures like social work / community service for convicts of petty offences instead of sending them to jail by amending the Indian Penal Code; and

(b) if so, by when and what other laws require amendment for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 1978 provided for amendment of section 57 and 74 of the Indian Penal Code with a view to introducing community service as an alternative punishment. The Law Commission of India, which undertook a comprehensive study / review of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, has not recommended community service as an alternative mode of punishment. The Report of the Law Commission of India has been referred to the State Governments for their views.

Out of State postings for MPAF

†2156. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Armed Forces (MPAF) are posted in other States according to the orders of the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether there is any amount yet to be paid to Madhya Pradesh Government by the Central Government for this purpose; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and by when this amount will be sanctioned to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the existing instruction on the subject, the payment of deployment charges for the Armed Police of one state deployed in another State / UT is required to be made by the borrowing Stale / UT, except in the case of the exempted category of States, for which payment is made by the Central Government. The claims of Government of Madhya Pradesh are in the process of recommendation and the payment will be made in due course.

Payment for battalions of MP

†2157. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision at present for payment of Rs. One crore immediately for one battalion every year by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by the State to enhance this amount to Rs. Three crores; and

(c) if so, by when the Central Government will accord its approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. Presently as per policy the rates fixed are Rs. 50 lakhs per quarter, per Bn to be paid as provisional charges. These provisional charges are subject to adjustment on the basis of audited figures of actual expenditure.

(b) and (c) The State Government had proposed deployment changes at par with the rates fixed for the CPMFs. The State Govt, has already been informed that deployment charges will be based on actuals as per the existing procedure.

Mafia dons of Bihar

2158. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned "Mafia Sargnaon Ka Kara Bihar" appearing in the Hindustan daily dated 31st January, 2000;

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